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*Title of the Invention: COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR GENERATING
A TAILORED PROMOTION*

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office action mailed July 14, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10 and 22-25 remain pending in this application. Further reconsideration of this application is requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 3-10, and 22-25 continue to be rejected as being unpatentable over Gardenswartz et al. in view of Roth et al., and claim 8 continues to be additionally rejected as being unpatentable over Gardenswartz in view of Travis. These grounds of rejection again are respectfully traversed.

The present invention as claimed is directed to an apparatus and method for providing to individual visitors of merchant websites tailored promotions of products offered by the merchant websites based on the individual visitors' online activity history, as received by the apparatus.

For example, an internet bookseller may be a subscriber to the apparatus. As a subscriber, the goods and/or services offered by the internet bookseller are maintained by the apparatus in a database. When a potential customer requests access to the